Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

27th November 2026

It has been a very exciting week this week with Year 5 participating in an Ancient Greek workshop on Tuesday and Year 4 completing a science workshop on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed these first hand experiences and were keen to share their learning with me on their playground. I also had the pleasure of being invited to Year 5 so that they could read out some persuasive letters about school changes they wish to make - they had some very interesting ideas!

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Year 3 sharing assembly on Wednesday, the Year 3 spoke and performed their Drumba routines brilliantly.

The turn out for the Parent Governor elections was excellent and many thanks to all the parents who stood for election. Congratulations to Lorette Vidler and Alberto Spitilli who have been elected.

As you will have seen from our communication this week, we have had a vomiting and diarrhoea bug going around school. We have been advised by our Local Health Protection Team that children should not return to school until 72 hours after the last episode. This is to try and stop the spread. This enforcement will continue until Friday 4th December. Many thanks for assistance with this.

Next week is the last week of after school clubs and we have our KS1 production on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. On Friday we have Christmas Decoration Day and it is a Mufti day for bottles for the Bottle Tombola for the Christmas Fayre, which takes place the following day. You should have received raffle tickets in the children's book bags, extra tickets are available at the school office. Can all monies and books be brought into the school office by Friday please.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Focus on Year 5

We had a fabulous Ancient Greece day this week. Thank you for the great costumes. The day reinforced some of the learning we have been covering in class but also introduced us to some new facts. We loved taking part in some Ancient Olympic activities, making our Greek pottery and experiencing some Ancient Greek games. We were all fully engaged in all of our activities and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.











In English we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter and as a warm task to complete this unit of work, we had to independently write a letter trying to persuade Miss Moon to change a chosen aspect of Bure Park School. To practice our oracy skills, seven of us read our letters to Miss Moon in front of the rest of Year 5 and she had to respond to our arguments.



Football Match Report

Boys' Team: Bure Park vs Chesterton Monday 23 November

by Louie, Eric and Leo C

The spectators watched a thrilling encounter between the two determined teams. Eren's throw in management was great and he acted like a true leader. Speaking of leaders, Louie was our captain for the match and whenever he got the ball, he dribbled past the defenders and determinedly volleyed it bottom right. Leo C, every time he smashed it up the pitch accurately to the strikers, who were Louie and Kyri. Louie crossed the ball to Eric, who confidently through balled it to Louie, who had a shot however, their goalkeeper was good and made a save.

In the end, the score was three nil to them, but the scoreline doesn't reflect the way we played and we kept our heads up all the way to the final whistle. but we are so grateful that Mr Davis and Miss Worsfold picked us to play this match.

We learned that we should pass less before we take a shot because Chesterton kept intercepting it.

As the season goes on, we will play more as a team and listen to each other's ideas.

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign of the Week

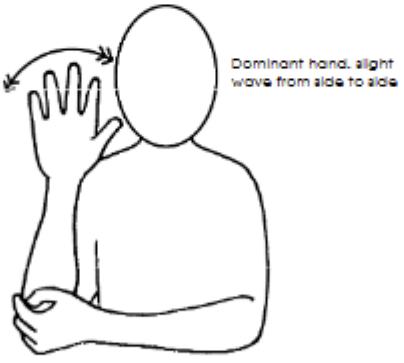
23rd – 29th November 2026

This week's sign is '**Tree**'!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.



Tree



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We have provided you with these signs and/ or symbols free of charge. With your help The Makaton Charity can help more people communicate, please donate online at makaton.org/donate

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Are you supporting a child with a parent in prison?

Support is available with *Children Heard and Seen.*



We offer free support for adults and young people impacted by parental imprisonment, including:

- In Person and Online Group Support
- Legal Advice
- Mentoring
- WhatsApp Community

We are currently supporting 50 families in Oxfordshire alone. To find out more please send us an email or call the number below.

Email: Info@childrenheardandseen.co.uk | Phone: 07557 339258

Buddies News

Just ONE WEEK to go until the Christmas Fayre!

Thank you for all the mufti donations of chocolate today.

Next Friday (Dec 4th) is another mufti, for donations of bottles.

We'll also be looking for donations of toys, books and teddies in the week before the fayre so please do have a look to see what you can give. Donations welcome from Monday 30th November.

Our volunteer sign up sheet is here - https://volunteersignup.org/A7J34

We still have quite a lot of gaps for volunteers, so please do put your name down as the fayre can't go ahead without everyone's support. We really do appreciate the help. The choir will be performing between 12pm and 12.30pm, so do volunteer for a different slot if your child is performing.

And don't forget to buy your raffle tickets (full list of prizes below) and book your Santa's grotto tickets here**:** https://www.trybooking.com/uk/128471

The grotto is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a festive story with Miss Moon, meet Santa and receive a special Christmas gift. Spaces are limited, and tickets cost £5 per child.
We also still have a few of the Class Fundraising Christmas design orders still to collect in the school office, including now orders made after November 6th.

And finally, tickets for the Lone Wolf comedy night in March are now on sale. They are £15 each. The last one was a sell-out so get in early and book yours here: https://lonewolfcomedy.co.uk/show/https-wegottickets-com-f-31122/

Here's a few other dates for your diary:

- Mufti day for bottles: Friday 4th December
- Christmas fayre: Saturday, 5th December - 11am to 2pm
- Comedy night: Friday, 5th March, 2027
- Circus: Wednesday, 19th May 2027

Raffle prizes include:

Happy's Circus: free family ticket for the big top show at Bure Park
Lone Wolf Comedy Night: Free tickets
Gravitee Golf: 4 players to play 18 holes of Adventure Golf
Science Oxford Centre:4x Family Day Single Tickets
Noughts & Nibbles: Board game and voucher
Flow Pilates: Complimentary class
Stonor Park and Gardens: Family Ticket to Tumblestone Hollow
Garth Park Kitchen: x2 Sunday Roast and a Glass of wine

Bicester Ottolenghi: £75 voucher
Littlebury Hotel: Voucher for Sunday lunch
Apollo Service and Repairs: Fully stamped card for MOT or £50 off a service
Dance fitness: 1 free course for either adults or children's classes
Mizo: £25 voucher

Huge thanks to all the local businesses who have kindly donated.



LONE WOLF

COMEDY NIGHT

In association with Bure Park Primary School

Bicester

Friday 5th March



Rachel Fairburn

"Live At The Apollo"



Andrew Bird

"Michael McIntyre Tour Support"



Steve Williams

"Russell Howard Tour Support"

Doors open 7pm

Show start 8pm

Tickets £15

FOR TICKETS

92 Lucerne Ave, Bicester OX26 3BP

Act Subject to Change

SCHOOL HALL HIRE FOR CHILDRENS PARTIES

Are you looking for a venue to hold your child's birthday party? Did you know that we hire out our school hall?

You can hire the school hall, kitchen, community hall, toilets & car park for £25 per hour.

If you are looking to hold an outside party you can hire the field, toilets and car park for £10 an hour.

Please note we only hire the hall out during term time.

If you would like further details please come and speak to us in the School office.



Attendance Figures (%) Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November

The school expectation for attendance each week is 96% to support the children's education, routine building and developing relationships.

Nursery	91.08
Reception A	84.07
Reception B	92.59
Class 1	82.3
Class 2	80.66
Class 3	95.93
Class 4	95.02
Class 5	91.67
Class 6	92.72
Class 7	87.3
Class 8	86.47
Class 9	88.89
Class 10	95.42
Class 11	95.24
Class 12	90.04
School Total	**90.03**

Main School

- 8:35am – doors open
- 8:40am – learning Starts
- 3:15pm – learning ends and doors open
- 4:00pm – teacher led after school clubs' end

Reception

- 8:40am – doors open
- 8:45am – learning starts
- 3:05pm – Learning ends and doors open

Nursery

- 8:30am – doors open for AM nursery/8:50am for all day nursery
- 11.30am – AM nursery ends
- 3pm – PM nursery ends

Please note that doors to classrooms and the gate shut PROMPTLY at 8.40am

Anyone collecting your child must be aged 16 or over

Weekly Awards

Hot Chocolate Friday with the Head

Children who have displayed exemplary attitudes to learning and behaviour are invited to have a hot chocolate with Head on a Friday. This week's attendees were:

- Reception: Millie and Holly
- Year 1: Maisie and Edith
- Year 2: Isla and Lexi
- Year 3: Meredith and Tristan
- Year 4: Felix and Malaika
- Year 5: Sam and Georgia
- Year 6: Archie and Imogen

Well Done to all!

Reading

Children who have read three times a week are entered into a reading raffle, where they can choose a book from the vending machine.

- Reception: Ruby
- Key Stage 1: Lilly
- Lower Key Stage 2: Nikhil
- Upper Key Stage 2: Harry ER

Keep Reading!

Times Tables Rockstars & NumBots Winners

This week's winners are those with the highest accuracy score over the last week. Congratulations!

Year 6 - 1st Wayde / 2nd Arni / 3rd Reuben

Year 5 - 1st Elsa / 2nd Kyri / 3rd Craig

Year 4 - 1st Isaac / 2nd Harry /3rd Judah

Year 3 - 1st Paul/2nd Maximus /3rd Neve

Year 2 - 1st Beth /2nd Mattia /3rd Rose

Year 1 who have also started using NumBots with great enthusiasm! The following children have shown the biggest improvement in accuracy this week:

Year 1 - 1st Cody /2nd Jack /3rd Theo F

Dates for the Diary

2nd December - 2pm KS1 Production

3rd December - 9.30am KS1 Production

4th December - Mufti Day, bring a bottle for Buddies Tombola

5th December - Christmas Fayre

8th December - 9.30am Reception B Nativity

10th December - 9.30am Reception A Nativity

15th December - 10am Nursery Carols and Cake

16th December - Christmas School Dinner

- Christmas Jumper Day

- Santa Fun Run

17th December - Christmas Parties

18th December - Close for Christmas holidays at **2pm**

5th January 2027 - Return to School

ELITE CAMPS BICESTER

HAF CAMP
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD

A FUN, ACTIVE HOLIDAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR THE HAF SCHEME.

MONDAY 21 – WEDNESDAY 23

5–13 YEAR OLDS



SESSION OPTIONS

HAF DAY (INCLUDED)	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
EXTEND YOUR DAY	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (£5 PER DAY)

THE BICESTER SCHOOL
Queens Ave, Bicester, OX26 2NS

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- Sports & Team Games
- Creative Challenges
- Elite Activities
- Team Building
- Fun Competitions

HAF Holiday Activities and Food

Find out if you're eligible and book your HAF place at **eliteyouthsports.co.uk/haf**

TURN ME OVER!

HAF CAMP
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD

FULLY FUNDED HOLIDAY CAMP PLACES FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN OXFORDSHIRE.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?
If your child has attended one our funded holiday camps before, their eligibility may be different this Christmas. Here's what's changed and how to check if you can book a funded place through the HAF programme.

FSM CATEGORIES
From winter 2026, there are two categories of Free School Meals:

TARGETED FSM
Applies to families who meet certain benefit and income criteria. This includes families receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of **£7,400 or less.**

Can access up to four funded HAF sessions in Oxfordshire this Christmas, subject to availability.

EXPANDED FSM
Applies to families receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings **above £7,400.**

Children in this category receive free meals at school and may be considered for a funded HAF place through a referral.

PREVIOUSLY HAD A FUNDED PLACE?
Some children who had a funded HAF place in a previous holiday may now be in the Expanded FSM category.

If you're unsure which category your child is in, please contact your child's school office.

HOW TO BOOK
If your child receives Targeted FSM, you can book through our Elite Youth Sports page on EEQU.

EEQU checks eligibility when you book, so you don't need a voucher or booking code.

eequ.org/eliteyouthsportsltd

If your child would benefit from attending and is in the Expanded FSM category, you can also ask their school or us whether a referral to Oxfordshire's HAF team is possible.

NODA

Launton Village Players present their 40th pantomime

LAUNTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

PUSS IN BOOTS

A traditional family pantomime

Written and directed by Julia West
Music by Steve Webber and Ash Foster

Wed 17th to Sat 20th Feb 2027

*Relaxed Performance Thursday at 10:30am

Date	Performance Times			Adult (18+)	Child (1-17)
Weds 17th Feb			7:30pm	£12	£7
Thurs 18th Feb	10:30am*	2:30pm		£12	£7
Fri 19th Feb		2:30pm	7:30pm	£14	£8
Sat 20th Feb		2:30pm	7:30pm	£14	£8

Cooper School Performance Hall, Bicester, OX26 4RS

Tickets available from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp
(or call 07864 715708 for assistance)



Family Discounts available for all shows!

Scan here for tickets!

Book by 30th November and use the code EARLYBIRD to save 10%

All profits donated to the Fire Fighters Charity

www.launtonvillageplayers.org.uk



Brackley Town FC

Our next batch of school clubs are available to book. The link to book is below:

[After School Football Clubs - Brackley Town FC Player Development Centre]

Andy Thompson

Head of Player Development Center

Brackley Town FC

The Mill Arts Centre Presents:

Magical performances in Bicester!

This festive season, families in Bicester are in for a treat as both **The Littlest Yak** and **The Nutcracker** come to life on stage at **Bicester Leisure Centre**!

The Littlest Yak
A musical adaptation of the book by Lu Fraser & Kate Hindley, featuring beautiful puppets, catchy tunes and an uplifting tale of self-acceptance will enchant audiences of all ages.
21st - 24th December
Tickets from £15

The Nutcracker
A sparkling show from the Let's All Dance Ballet Company filled with fabulous dancing, beautiful music and stunning costumes.
27th & 28th December
Tickets from £15



Christmas at Blenheim Palace

The offer is running from next Monday until 30th Nov on certain slots.

Experience	Discount	Eligible sessions
Christmas Trail	25%	After 6.30pm on selected dates, plus all January sessions
Inside the Palace	25%	After 5pm on selected dates

Eligible dates and timeslots shown when link clicked

Palace: https://premier.ticketek.co.uk/shows/show.aspx?sh=BFBLENPAL

Trail: https://premier.ticketek.co.uk/shows/show.aspx?sh=BFBLENTRAI

TERMS & CONDITIONS

25% off selected sessions. Booking fees apply. Online bookings only, 23–30 November 2026. Subject to availability. T&Cs apply.

VISITORS

Are you parked in our car park?

Please note the gates will be closed with restricted access between:

8.30am – 9.15am

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Vehicle movement is restricted



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE BLIND BEND BY THE SCHOOL AS WE HAVE HAD NEIGHBOURS COMPLAINING